AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3773 OFFERED BY M__.

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following new section:

1 SEC. _. LIABILITY DEFENSE.

- 2 (a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other law,
- 3 and in addition to the immunities, privileges, and defenses
- 4 provided by any other provision of law, no action shall lie
- 5 or be maintained in any court, and no penalty, sanction,
- 6 or other form of remedy or relief shall be imposed by any
- 7 court or any other body, against any person for the alleged
- 8 provision to an element of the intelligence community of
- 9 any information (including records or other information
- 10 pertaining to a customer), facilities, or any other form of
- 11 assistance, during the period of time beginning on Sep-
- 12 tember 11, 2001, and ending on the effective date of this
- 13 Act, in connection with any alleged classified communica-
- 14 tions intelligence activity that the Attorney General or a
- 15 designee of the Attorney General certifies, in a manner
- 16 consistent with the protection of State secrets, is, was,
- 17 would be, or would have been intended to protect the
- 18 United States from a terrorist attack. This section shall

- 1 apply to all actions, claims, or proceedings pending on or
- 2 after the effective date of this Act.
- 3 (b) JURISDICTION.—Any action or claim referred to
- 4 in subsection (a) that is brought in a State court shall
- 5 be deemed to arise under the Constitution and laws of the
- 6 United States and shall be removable pursuant to section
- 7 1441 of title 28, United States Code.
- 8 (c) Definitions.—In this section:
- 9 (1) Intelligence community.—The term
- 10 "intelligence community" has the meaning given the
- term in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of
- 12 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)).
- 13 (2) Person.—The term "person" has the
- meaning given the term in section 2510(6) of title
- 15 18, United States Code.